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A. Peoples of Sinkiang

There are two main reasons, geographical and political, for the general mutual ignorance existing between the people of China proper and the people of Sinkiang. During much of past history it has been the political policy of rulers to maintain this ignorance, even during our own Republican era.

The Russians are far better informed on Sinkiang than are the Chinese people. An illustration of Chinese ignorance is the fact that at the time of the recent Pei-T'a Shan incident [alleged invasion of Sinkiang by Outer Mongolian troops] no maps produced in China revealed the whereabouts of this mountain.

Ethnologically speaking, there are said to be 14 groups of peoples in Sinkiang. They may be roughly gathered into four main groups on a linguistic basis as follows:

1. The Uighur language group
2. The Han (Chinese) language group
3. The Mongol language group
4. The Russian language group

The following table gives detailed information on these groups:

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Comparative Table of Sinkiang Races

<u>Race</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Uighurs	2,988,528	74.50	Moslems
Chinese	222,401	5.54	
Kazaks	438,575	10.93	Moslems
Tugan Mose	99,607	2.48	Chinese Moslems
Mongols	59,686	1.49	Buddists
Taranci	79,296	1.93	Branch of Uighurs, Moslems
Kirghiz	69,923	1.64	Related to Kazaks, Moslems
Russians	19,392	0.48	Russians and Russian citizens
Uzbeks	10,224	0.26	Islamites
Tajiks	8,210	0.21	
Tartars	5,614	0.14	
Sibo	10,626	0.27	Manchu bannermen
Suruk	2,506	0.06	Manchu bannermen
Manchus	762	0.02	Estimated number, branch of Manchus
Daghore	2,000	0.05	
Jews	unknown		Mostly merchants

**B. Communications**

Communications in Sinkiang are comparatively good. Three fourths of all the hsien cities in the province may be reached by automobile, largely due to the fact that nearly all the cities of Sinkiang lie on only a few routes. Should one draw two circles and two lines on a map of Sinkiang 95 percent of the hsien would lie on these lines. Consequently, overland transport in Sinkiang is relatively progressive.

There are 6,595 kilometers of highways in Sinkiang and when the Ching-Hain highway (from T'u-lo-i in Tainghai to Yü-tien in Sinkiang, 1,320 kilometers long) is completed, there will be a total of 8,000 kilometers. One fact having a bearing on national defense is that more of Sinkiang's highways lead to foreign countries than to China itself.

Below is a list of Sinkiang highways.

## Highways in Sinkiang

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Terminals</u>	<u>Length (in km)</u>
Ti-ha	Ti-hua--Reing-hsing	755
Ti-k'o	Ti-hua--Shu-lo (Fan-ch'ang)	1,550
Ti-ho	Ti-hua--Ho-erh-kun-szu	655
Ti-oh'i	Ti-hua--Ch'i-t'ieh-l	403
Wu-t'a	Wu-su--W'e-ch'eng	354
O-a	O-min--Ch'eng-hun	552
Yü-yü	O-Shih--Yu-t'ien	792
K'ü-k'ü	K'ü-k'ü--Erh-chiang	442

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<u>Highway</u>	<u>Terminals</u>	<u>Length (in km)</u>
Pa-So	Pa-ch'u...So-ch'i	217
Tun-Erh	Tun-huang...	
K'o-i	Fu-chiang K'o-shih-- I-erh-k'o-shih-t'an-mu	881 265
Total		6,761

In addition to the highways listed above, there are a number of main cart roads also passable for motor vehicles, such as the road from A-k'o-su to Wu-shih, from Ch'i-t'ai to Yen-hu in the Pei-t'a mountains, and from Chen-hai to Ha-mi, which is barely passable for motorcars. Furthermore, a number of international roads extend into Soviet territory, such as the roads from Ho-erh-kuo-ssu to A-in-mu-t'u, I-erh-k'e-shih-tan-mu (in Wu-ch'ia) to An-chi-yan, Wu-shih to Fu-lung-shin, T'a-ch'eng to Sai-erh-chiao-po-erh, and from Ha-pa-he to Semipalatinsk. In addition to these, there is the Suiyuan to Sinkiang motor highway (from Ha-mi, via the Ningxia Steppes to Wu-yuan), which was closed by Sheng Shih-ts'ai and has had no traffic on it for a long time.

In the matter of airways there is the China Aviation Company's Shang-hai-Ti-hua line from A-la-mu-t'u to Ha-mi via Ti-hua. There are military airports in all parts of the province in much greater numbers than in other provinces in China proper.

Waterways are scarce. The only usable waterway is that section of the I-li River from Sui-t'ing to Lake Balkash in Soviet territory that is navigable for motor boats. In 1945 an attempt was made to institute power navigation on the T'a-li-mu Ho (Tarim Darya) from A-k'o-su to Yan-ch'i but because of the great fluctuation of the water level it was abandoned. In high water small motor craft may ply on the K'o-la-o-erh-ch'i-ssu-ho (River) in the A-erh-t'ai Shan region.

#### C. Political Geography

There are a large number of new hsien in Sinkiang, many of them established during Sheng Shih-ts'ai's administration, that are not yet shown on maps published in China.

The writer regards this matter as of particular importance to the teaching of geography, hence the names of newly organized hsien and administrative districts and new names of old hsien are given below. Formerly, Sinkiang had 59 hsien and seven areas under administrative bureaus. At present there are 75 hsien, one municipality, and five areas under administrative bureaus, an increase of 15 hsien and administrative bureaus and one municipality under provincial control--Ti-hua.

The name of Wu-t'u-pi has been changed to Ching-hua hsien. The T'o-k'o-hsin Administrative Bureau area was changed to a hsien more than 10 years ago. In the Second Administrative District there have recently been added four new hsien, Kung-ho, Chao-su, T'o-k'o-ssu, and Ho-nan; and two Administrative Bureaus, Hair-y'un and Wen-chih-lan. Wu-lu-k'e-ch'in in the Third Administrative District has been changed to Wu-ch'i-hsien, and there have been added two new hsien, A-t'u-shih and Yeh-p'u-hu. In the Fourth Administrative District there has been added the A-ha-ch'i Administrative Bureau. The name of T'o-k'o-ssu has been changed to Hsin-ho. It is situated in the southwestern part of K'u-ch'e. On many maps it is wrongly placed in the northeastern part. In the Fifth Administrative District two hsien have been added, Ho-feng (formerly H-shih-t'o-lo-kai) and Yi-nin (formerly T'u-erh-p'an-tsang Administrative Bureau).

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In the Sixth Administrative District there have been added two hsien, Fu-yin (formerly K'o-k'ü-t'o-hai) and Ch'ing-ho (Ch'ing-k'o-li-ho). Pi-t'u-lum-hai has been changed to Fu-hui hsien, and the Sha-erh-t'o-hai Administrative Bureau has been added.

In the Seventh Administrative District, Min-feng hsien, formerly Ni-ya, has been added.

In the Eighth Administrative District one new hsien, Ho-ching, has been added. The K'u-erh-lo Administrative Bureau has been elevated to hsien status, and Wu-shih-t'a-la Administrative Bureau has been changed to Ho-shih hsien.

In the Ninth Administrative District, I-wu hsien, located 120 kilometers northeast of Ha-mi has been added. Many maps erroneously place it southwest of Ha-mi. In the Tenth Administrative District, Yeh-erh-ch'ing has been joined with So-ch'e to form a single hsien.

Below follows a list of the present hsien, municipalities, and administrative bureaus of Sinkiang:

## CURRENT POLITICAL UNITS IN SINKIANG

<u>Political Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Ti-hua Shih	Municipality Since 1945
<b>1st Administrative District (12 hsien)</b>	
Ti-hua	Hsien
Ch'ang-chi	Hsien
Ching-hua	Hsien
Szi-lai	Hsien
Ch'ien-te	Hsien
Fou-k'ang	Hsien
Fu-yian	Hsien
Ch'i-t'ai	Hsien
Ho-lei-ho	Hsien
Shan-shan	Hsien
T'u-lu-fan	Hsien
T'o-k'o-hsin	Hsien
	Formerly adm bur
<b>2d Administrative District (10 hsien, 2 administrative bureaus)</b>	
I-ning	Hsien
Sui-ting (I-li)	Hsien
Kung-liu	Hsien
Liang-ha	Hsien
T'e-k'u-ssu	Hsien
Chao-su	Hsien
Ho-can	Hsien
Ho-erh-koo-ssu	Hsien
Po-lo	Hsien
Ching-bo	Hsien
We-oh-fan	Adm bur
Goin-yuan	Adm bur (Ch'ia-k'o-mar)
<b>3d Administrative District (7 hsien)</b>	
Su-fu	Hsien
Wu-ch'ia	Hsien
I-t'u-shih	Hsien
	Formerly adm bur
	Formerly part of Su-fu hsien

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Political Unit

Chia-shih	Hsien
Pa-ch'u	Hsien
Tieh-p'u-hu	Hsien
P'u-li	Hsien

Formerly Shu-lo

4th Administrative District (9 hsien, 1 administrative bureau)

A-k'o-su	Hsien
Wen-su	Hsien
Wu-shih	Hsien
K'o-p'ing	Hsien
I-ma-t'i	Hsien
Pei-ch'eng	Hsien
Hein-ho	Hsien
K'u-ch'e	Hsien
Sha-ya	Hsien
A-ha-ch'i	Adm bur

Formerly T'o-k'o-su

5th Administrative District (6 hsien)

T'a-ch'eng	Hsien
O-min	Hsien
Tu-min	Hsien
Ho-feng	Hsien
Shu-men	Hsien
Wu-su	Hsien

Formerly Tu-erh-pan-tsung adm bur  
Ho-shih-to-lo-ka6th Administrative District (7 hsien, 2 administrative bureaus)

Ob'eng-hua	Hsien
Po-erh-ching	Hsien
Chi-su-nai	Hsien
Ha-pa-bo	Hsien
Fu-hai	Hsien
Fu-yin	Hsien
Ch'ing-ho	Hsien
Pu-erh-ken	Adm Bur
Erh-t'u	Adm Bur

Formerly adm bur  
Formerly Pu-lun-t'o-hai  
Formerly K'o-k'o-t'o-hai  
Formerly Ch'ing ko-li-ho  
adm bur

Sha-erh-t'o-hai

7th Administrative District (7 hsien)

Ho-t'ien	Hsien
Ho-yi	Hsien
P'i-shan	Hsien
Ts'e-ko	Hsien
Lo-p'u	Hsien
Yu-t'ien	Hsien
Min-feng	Hsien

Formerly Ki-ya adm bur

8th Administrative District (3 hsien)

Ien-ch'i	Hsien
Ho-ching	Hsien
K'u-erh-lo	Hsien
Lun-t'ai	Hsien

Formerly Mongol prince's  
palace  
Formerly K'u-erh-lo  
adm bur

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Political Units      Remarks

Wei-li	Hsien	
Erh-ch'iang	Hsien	
Ch'ieh-mo	Hsien	
Ho-shih	Hsien	
		Formerly Wu-shih-t'a-la adm bur

9th Administrative District (3 hsien, 1 administrative bureau)

He-ni	Hsien
Chen-hsi	Hsien
I-wu	Hsien
Ch'i-chiao-ching	Adm bur

10th Administrative District (Formerly part of the 3d Administrative District)  
(2 hsien)

Sha-ch'e	Hsien
Yeh-ch'eng	Hsien
Mai-kni-t'i	Hsien
Tse-p'u	Hsien
Yeh-erh-ch'iang	Combined with Sha-ch'e to form one hsien

(TN: The figures in this chart do not agree with the text. There are 74 hsien and six administrative bureaus shown in the chart, whereas the text states there are 75 hsien and five administrative bureaus.)

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